

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-6. (canceled).

7. (new): An ink cartridge for a recording apparatus, comprising:

an ink supply port;

a chamber containing therein pigment ink, the chamber being at least in part defined by a film member;

a flow passage, through which the pigment ink contained in the chamber can flow into the ink supply port;

a wall partitioning the chamber from the flow passage, the wall having a first through hole and a second through hole which are respectively located at upper and lower positions in a gravity direction when the ink cartridge is mounted to the recording apparatus, each of the first and second through holes serving as an inlet for the pigment ink from the chamber to the flow passage.

8. (new): An ink cartridge for a recording apparatus, comprising:

an ink supply port;

a chamber containing therein pigment ink; and

a flow passage for communicating the chamber with the ink supply port,
wherein the flow passage has such a flow passage for causing the pigment ink in a lower area in the chamber and the pigment ink in an upper area in the same chamber to flow and merge with each other.

9. (new): The ink cartridge according to claim 2, further comprising:
a wall partitioning the chamber from the flow passage
wherein the flow passage includes first and second communication ports formed through the partition wall, and respectively located at upper and lower positions in a gravity direction when the ink cartridge is mounted to the recording apparatus.